

House Resolution No.

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to recognize the meritorious endeavors of outstanding Missourians, a task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

Whereas, Otis Beard of St. Louis, Missouri, will retire from his position as a Professor with St. Louis Community College at the end of the 2006-2007 academic year; and

Whereas, Otis Beard is an outstanding individual who has faithfully performed his important duties and responsibilities with the utmost professionalism, conscientiousness, and fairness; and

Whereas, Otis Beard is known, admired, and respected for his helpful attitude, warm smile, and friendly manner in which he has always greeted people in and around the community, a unique quality that will be greatly missed by many students and co-workers; and

Whereas, a recipient of the 2002 David L. Underwood award, the 2002 Missouri Excellence in Teaching Award, and the St. Louis Community College's Innovator of the Year award, Otis Beard has also enjoyed recognition as a founding faculty member of Emerging Scholars, of which he serves as Chair and works with other members to identify students who meet the rigorous standards for being an emerging scholar; and

Whereas, Otis Beard graduated from St. Louis public schools and served in active duty as a member of the United States Navy before enrolling as a part-time student at St. Louis Community College and graduating with both graduate and undergraduate degrees from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville; and

Whereas, Otis Beard taught for several years at Southern Illinois University and the University of Missouri-St. Louis prior to assuming his responsibilities with St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley; and

Whereas, Otis Beard has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Cynthia; two children, Bostic and Bonji; and one grandchild:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing deep gratitude for the superb service that Otis Beard has rendered to St. Louis Community College during the past several years and in wishing him ample opportunity to enjoy the better things life has to offer; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Otis Beard.

Offered by _____
Representative Maria N. Chappelle-Nadal
District No. 72

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker